

## THE REDEMPTION OF ISRAEL

--ROMANS 11:25-36--

### INTRODUCTION:

As we move into this third section of Romans 11, we come to Paul's summary for all that he wrote in chapters 9-11. He is finally going to wrap up for us Israel's part and place in God's eternal plan of redemption. Paul made an astounding revelation when he said that unbelieving Jews could be grafted back into the covenant of salvation if they did not continue in their unbelief. As he wraps up these three chapters, he is going to reveal to us this mystery of God, he will expound on the mercy of God and finally his theology will become doxology as the study of theology should always do.

### I. THE REVELATION OF A MYSTERY (Romans 11:25-29)

- a. Paul begins his summary by telling his readers that he does not want them to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. A \_\_\_\_\_ in God's Word is not like we think of a mystery in our day. (Romans 16:25b-26a)
- c. There are \_\_\_\_\_ parts to this mystery that Paul is now going to reveal to them.
  1. The first part is that a partial \_\_\_\_\_ has happened to Israel.
  2. The second part of this mystery is that this partial hardening will continue and remain until the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gentiles has come in.
- d. There is no way to get around this phrase "\_\_\_\_\_ Israel" to make it mean anything other than what it says.
- e. This does not mean that every individual Jew will be \_\_\_\_\_, but the nation of Israel that goes into the millennial kingdom will be a nation of all Jewish believers in Jesus Christ. (Ezekiel 20:33-38)
- f. The prophets had written of this day when all Israel would be \_\_\_\_\_. (Isaiah 59:20-21; 1 Corinthians 11:25; Jeremiah 31:31-34)
- g. God is sovereign and we see this in His \_\_\_\_\_ of history.

- h. God will do as He says, Israel as a nation will be \_\_\_\_\_, God will remove ungodliness from Israel, and He will take away their sins.
- i. Paul goes on to explain the current situation and that this was all a determined \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- j. God when He sovereignly \_\_\_\_\_ the nation of Israel to be His own nation, His own people, He bound Himself to them.
- k. This cannot be a permanent situation as Paul writes in verse 29 reminding us again of the faithfulness of God to keep His \_\_\_\_\_.
- l. We should clearly understand after almost 11 chapters of Romans that God's sovereign grace and His sovereign election cannot be \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Thessalonians 5:24)

### CONCLUSION:

This section is Paul's summary to the 3 chapters he has devoted to Israel's place and part in God's plan of redemption. He begins by informing us so that we will not think we know more than we do, he warns us not to be wise in our own estimation. There are some truths that you may not know, they were not fully disclosed in the Old Testament, they were there, but they needed fuller revelation from God to be fully clear. Paul then went on to reveal one of these mysteries for us. He plainly told us that the spiritual hardening of Israel was partial, it is not total because there has been a remnant of believing Jews throughout redemptive history, and it is not permanent because he tells us that this partial hardening will last until the fulness of the Gentiles has come in. Once the salvation of the Gentiles reaches completion this will bring about the events that will lead to the salvation of all Israel. Even though Israel is at enmity with God, she is still beloved by God for the sake of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God's gracious gifts and calling are eternal. Just as the fulness of the Gentiles will begin the chain of events that will lead to the salvation of the nation of Israel, the salvation of the nation of Israel will set off a chain of events that will end in the millennial kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ. What a future for both the Gentiles and the Jews.